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"YEESH, I GOTTA
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When we were planning this issue's special music section, we knew one thing for sure: We had to talk to **Hanson**, the hot new group from Tulsa, Oklahoma. So we tracked the trio down in Sweden and chatted with them over a cell phone as they were being driven to their hotel. Even at 11 o'clock at night, **Isaac, Zac** and **Taylor** were full of energy.

They kept passing the phone back and forth to each other, cracking jokes and telling us all about life on the road.



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Go behind the scenes of the music industry with our special section, including:

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- A spotlight on groups who might be the *next* Hanson
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You Predict the

Readers checked their crystal balls to see what will happen in the next year.



The crew from "Star Trek," Luke Skywalker and the Rebels will fight against Darth Vader and the Empire.

Robert McGraw Jr., 13, Carmi, Illinois

In the future, Tom Cruise will leave Nicole Kidman for Rosie O'Donnell.

**Megan Versluys, 14
Artesia, California**



Future



In 1998, Giga Pets will replace real pets. Real pets will go live in the woods.

Brad Herman, 11
Iron Mountain, Michigan

Tim Williams



Write to Us!

We want to know what you think of this issue. Tell us what you've been doing lately, or write about this month's topic: If you could compete in the Olympics, which event would you enter? Why?

Send letters, along with your name, birth date, address and telephone number, to: Marlon Doxy Adventures, P.O. Box 861, New York, NY 10113-0861. **Your letter must be sent with the signed release form on page 75 in order for us to consider it for publication.** All materials sent become the property of Doxy Adventures, and all rights thereto are transferred to Doxy Adventures. They may be used without compensation or acknowledgment and cannot be returned.

HOT LIST

Each month, a different class reports on what's in and out. This month's judging panel: Mrs. Harris's seventh- and eighth-grade English class at Renaissance Montessori Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



HOT

Usher
Chicago Bulls
Spider-Man
Giga Pets

NOT

LeAnn Rimes
Detroit Pistons
Batman
Guinea pigs

WARNING:
You may disagree!

Happy Groundhog Day

Will winter end soon? If a groundhog named Phil (below, the one on the right) in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, sees his shadow on February 2, say "hello" to six more weeks of winter! Here's the real deal on Groundhog Day.

- The celebration is based on a German legend in which a hedgehog's actions predict the change in season. Since hedgehogs don't live in Pennsylvania, a groundhog was used instead.
- Locals say there has been only one Phil, which would make him more than 100 years old. (Yeah, right—groundhogs live only four to eight years!)
- Phil lives in a private pen in the children's library. But the night before his big day, he checks into a special heated den on a nearby hilltop.
- Nearly 20,000 people show up

D.A. Slang

Breathe blue.

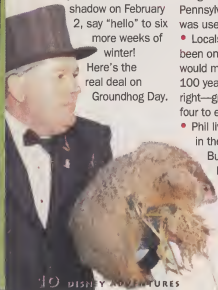
To relax. "Yo, all I want to do after the exam is breathe blue in front of the TV."

Do me solid. Do me a favor. "Paul did me solid by giving me the homework assignment when I was out sick."

Hoover. To pig out. "Julie hoovered that burger and fries in about two minutes!"

each year for his early morning prediction.

• Phil's current score? Ninety-nine shadows to 12 no-shows. "He's always right!" says his handler.



For the Dog (or Iguana) Who Has Everything

Pets have us wrapped around their little paws. Need proof? Check out these nutty presents for our animal friends. And remember—we're *not* making this stuff up.

Board game for dogs: You can play My Dog Can Do That! with your pet, or with other pets and owners, too. Each space on the board has a trick for your dog to do—like a doggie push-up or the hokey-pokey. You move forward each time your pooch does the trick correctly. If your dog chews up the game, you definitely lose.

Leather jacket for iguanas: Outfit your stylin' iguana for the open road with this black biker's jacket. Too bad an iguana-size motorcycle hasn't been invented.



Snack machine for dogs: The Yuppy Puppy Food & Treat Machine (which looks sort of like a gumball machine) comes filled with tasty dog biscuits. Your dog operates it with a push of its paw.

Hammocks for ferrets and hamsters: Just tie each end of the hammock to your rodent's cage and soon your pet will be begging to chill out with sunglasses and a cool lemonade.

Sweet Talk

Last year, the New England Confectionary Company produced 8 billion candy hearts.

Step Aside, Snowman!

Next time you're up to your knees (or waist) in snow, forget about making a three-piece snowman! We dug up snow sculptor Gene Kempfer to talk about the art of snow sculpting.

What's the strangest snow sculpture you've made?

"Once I pumped water to a huge dragon. It had a slide on its back, which kids could actually go down!"

How long did it take to build?

"About four days, working eight hours a day, with four other people."

What happens after a sculpture is finished, anyway?

"We've never had anyone knock a sculpture down. They take on interesting shapes as they melt. Some people take pictures of them each day while they're melting."

It's cool to slide down this 15-foot tall, 40-foot long dragon.



How many snowflakes are in each sculpture?

"Reckless! The smallest contest sculpture we tried took all night while the largest took 10 minutes."

Talk to us about your snow-sculpting skills.

"I'm pretty fast. I challenge anybody to beat me!"

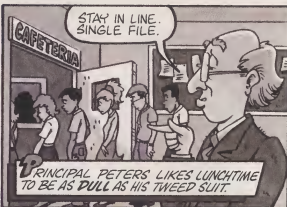


Junior Reporter Report: Fighting Winter Boredom

For people living in cold places, winter means spending a lot of time indoors. D.A.'s Junior Reporters asked 170 kids the best ways to combat cabin fever. Here are some of their answers:

- Load your Super Soaker with water and food coloring. Have rainbow-colored water fights in the snow.
- Have an indoor picnic—with barbecue chicken, corn on the cob and watermelon. (Don't forget to have a seed-spitting contest!)
- Lie on a heating pad and watch TV.
- Wear summer clothing and pretend it's hot outside.
- Act like a bear and hibernate on weekends.
- Make up dances to '70s songs.

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sunday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	
1 National Sign Up for Summer Camp Month 	3 Would you rather live somewhere freezing cold or sweaty hot? 	4 At 3:01 a.m. EST, only 44 days, 11 hours, 54 minutes till spring. 	5 Catch a line drive on Baltimore Oriole Roberto Alomar's 30th B-day. 	6 Winter Olympics begin in Nagano, Japan. 	7 Superstar country crooner Garth Brooks turns 36. 	
8 Japan's Snow Festival shows off fancy snow and ice sculptures in Sapporo, Hokkaido. 	10 Love May Make the World Go Round, But Laughter Keeps Us From Getting Dizzy Week 	11 Happy B-day to singing Sissy Crow (36) and Brandy (19)! 	12 Check out the Olympic figure skating competitions this week. 	13 Blame Someone Else, Part 1 	14 Valentine's Day 	
15 Do karate chops for Chris Farley's 34th birthday. 	16 Presidents' Day 	17 Sassenin, 'jammin' Michael Jordan dunks another year. Happy 35th! 	18 Happy 43rd B-day, John Travolta. Grab a few friends and perform Grease. 	19 Actor Jeff Daniels (Dumb and Dumber) turns 43. 	20 Crazy Chili Showdown in Mineral Wells, TX 	21 Children's Western jamboree in Guthrie, OK 
22 1732 George Washington was born. 	23 Rent Cool Runnings (the flick inspired by the Jamaican bobsled team) and be glad you're in a heated home. 	24 Stock up on syrup for International Pancake Day 	25 Southern Spring Show in Charlotte, NC. Preview the new season. 	26 Lasso your best rhymes for the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, TX. 	27 Lasso your best rhymes for the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, TX. 	28 Philadelphia Flyer 206 Lindy's turns 25. 



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OnTheScene

Painting the Town Red

Hot, hot, hot! Scarlet fever has hit Hollywood. Check out these celebs who left us seeing red:

Kenan and Kel
("All That")

Kristen Johnston
("3rd Rock
From the Sun")

Elton John

Sandra Bullock
(*Speed 2*)

Kirsten Dunst
("Tower of
Terror")

Jennifer Love
Hewitt ("Party
of Five")

Sinbad (*First Kid*)

Alicia Silverstone
(*Batman & Robin*)

Brandy
("Moesha")

Jim Carrey
(*Liar, Liar*)

Liv Tyler
(*That Thing
You Do!*)

Music: (Bis/DMI) Kenan & Kel; (Lisa Rose/Globe) Kristen Johnston; Sandra Bullock: (Columbia) Sinbad; (Globe) Jennifer Love Hewitt; (Globe) Gregg DeGuire; (London Features) Alicia Silverstone; (Nickelodeon) Brandy; (Brandy) Colin Mason; (London Features) Liv Tyler

Ticket

Name Dropping

Gossip, Gossip, Gossip

D.A. checked out old and new movies—like *Fairy Tale*:

A True Story, *The Princess Bride* and *The Wiz*—at the First Annual Kids' Film Festival in

Santa Barbara,

California. **Mara Wilson**, the event's spokesperson, told D.A. she's working on a new TV movie called "Balloon Farm." "...We heard **Hanson** is MMBoppin' their way onto the big screen. That's right, the trio has just begun to develop a

movie, which will be sorta like the Beatles' *A Hard Day's Night*. No word on when

they'll start

filming, but we'll let you know as soon as we know!... **Tommy Pickles**, **Chuckie** and **Angelica** are hittin' the road! The

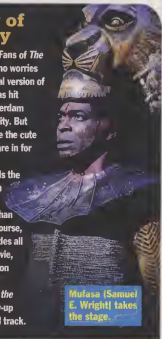
"**Rugrats**" live stage show

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The King of Broadway

Hakuna Matata! Fans of *The Lion King* have no worries now that a wild musical version of the animated movie has hit Broadway's New Amsterdam Theatre in New York City. But those expecting to see the cute critters from the film are in for a big surprise.

This stage show tells the story of Simba through the use of incredible African masks, more than 100 puppets and, of course, music. The show includes all the songs from the movie, three new songs by Elton John and Tim Rice and music from *Rhythm of the Pride Lands*, the follow-up to *The Lion King* sound track.



Mufasa (Samuel E. Wright) takes the stage.

Name Dropping: Justin Guet/©Disney (top); Courtesy of Nickelodeon (bottom). The King of Broadway: Jon Marcus/Marc Bryan Brown/©Disney. New releases: Pierre Viret/©1997 Universal Studios, Inc.

New Releases Coming This Month

In Theaters

Spice World This comedy gives fans a behind-the-scenes peek into a busy week for the Spice Girls as they prepare for a gig.

Star Kid Joseph Mazzello (*Jurassic Park*) plays a kid whose life can't get much worse. Then he meets Cy, a 7-foot tall Cyborsuit who gives him the confidence to face his fears.

In Video Stores

Buddy
Hercules
"Rogers & Hammerstein's Cinderella"
Leave It to Beaver
Kull the Conqueror



Kull conquers video.

The Man Who Laughs at Horror

Don't blame R.L. Stine if you can't get to sleep after reading one of his new *Goosebumps Series 2000* books—blame yourself and your fellow *Goosebumps* fans. "So many kids kept telling me, 'The scarier, the better,'" he says. "So I'm working on it. This series has more thrills and chills, with heightened danger and more at stake." Here's some stuff about R.L. Stine you won't find in the first book in *Goosebumps Series 2000: Cry of the Cat*.

What "R.L." stands for

Robert Lawrence. "Very boring. My friends call me Bob."

How he writes

Backward. "Most writers think of an idea first. I start with the title. The *Werewolf Skin* (*Goosebumps* No. 60) title popped into my head. I'm like, 'What does that mean?'"

What scared him as a kid

"Bringing my bike into the garage at night, thinking there was someone in there; hearing noises in the basement."

Why he likes horror movies

"They make me laugh."

Why he doesn't plan to write a bad ending again

"I did that with *The Best Friend*, a *Fear Street* book. In it, the bad girl wins. But kids were furious! They didn't want me to leave it like that. In *Best Friend 2*, there's a chance for the ending to work out differently."

His writing buddy

"My King Charles spaniel, Nadine, keeps me company all day long, under my desk."

—Rose Kennedy

We've got 25 copies of the new *Goosebumps Series 2000* books to give away. For the chance to win, send your name, address, age and phone number (before March 2) to: *Goosebumps/Disney Adventures*, 500 S. Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91521-6659. (See rules on page 75.)

R.L. Stine weaves a new web of horror.

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will travel to more than 50 cities this year... And speaking of hitting the road, two of your favorite celebs just got their

licenses!
Zachery Ty Bryan

recently bought a black two-door Tahoe,



Zachery Ty Bryan

and **Jonathan Taylor Thomas** told D.A. he's going to buy a sport utility vehicle. "I can put my skis and camping gear in the back and just go," **JTT** said....Wanna know D.A.'s new fave song? It's "**Tubthumping**" by **Chumbawamba**. Sure, we like the chorus, "I get knocked down, But I get up again, You're never going to keep me down." But mostly we just like saying Chumbawambal



Chumbawamba

AskLiz

Dear Liz,
I want to ask you a couple of questions about my favorite TV show, "The Simpsons." First of all, in which state do the Simpsons live? And what is Homer Simpson's middle name? All I know is that it starts with a J.

Chris Tsotsos, 12, Toronto, Canada

Dear Chris,
Great questions! I called Film Roman, the animation studio that makes "The Simpsons." They said although the Simpsons live in Springfield, they don't live in any particular state. And Matt Groening, the "Simpsons" creator, has said Homer's J doesn't stand for anything; it's a tribute to Bullwinkle J. Moose, of "The Bullwinkle Show" fame. If you're hungry for more trivia, check out the ultimate Simpsons book, *The Simpsons: A Complete*



Guide to Our Favorite Family. It's full of stuff like Bart's chalkboard sayings and "Homeris-mmmms." All we have to say is "D'oh!"

Dear Liz,
I saw an ad for the remake of *Godzilla*. When will it come out and who is starring?

Meghan Rathlou, 13, Brantford, Ontario, Canada

Dear Meghan,
Matthew Broderick (the voice of grown-up Simba in *The Lion King*) and Hank Azaria (the voice of Apu, Moe and many others on "The Simpsons") star in the new *Godzilla* movie. The big scaly reptile stomps into theaters just in time for Memorial Day weekend.

Send your entertainment questions to: Ask Liz/Disney ADVENTURES, 500 S. Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91521-6658. And if you want me to print your question, fill out the form on page 75 and send it with your letter. Thanks!

Honey, He's Funny!

Brain swappers, time machines and talking computers—just a few of the things Thomas Dekker, 10, plays with every day. Why? Thomas plays Nick, Wayne Szalinski's son and a budding Einstein, on "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids: The TV Show." Thomas called us from Calgary, where the show is taped, to share some funny "Honey" stories.



What did you do when you found out you got the role of Nick?

"Well, first I fainted! I had picked up the phone and said, 'Hello?' And the voice on the other end said, 'You've gotten the part of Nicholas!' And the poor person on the phone just heard *thud!*"

What's your favorite episode?

"I love the episode called 'Honey, I'm Haunted.' In it, everybody laughs at me because I wear glasses. So I use an eye machine, the Retina-Rotator, and I make my vision so good I can see ghosts. When I take off the Retina-Rotator, my eyes glow and smoke comes out of them! It's great!"

Did you like getting slimed in the episode, "Honey, the House Is Trying to Kill Us"?

"That was the grossest thing I've ever done on the show. The green goop wasn't really sticky—it was actually milk shake mix with green food coloring. But the special effects guys bought gallons of it and shot it at us! The director didn't

like the take, so we had to do it again. I had to go back to my trailer, get all cleaned up and then I got slimed again!"

Would you rather get shrunk or get made bigger?

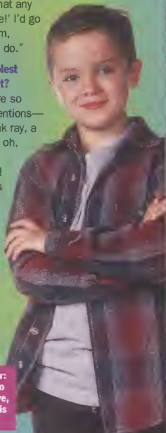
"I'd rather be made bigger. I'd probably go to school and tell all the bullies that used to beat me up, 'Hey, you can't do that any more, I'm huge!' I'd go and scare them, that's what I'd do."

What's the coolest thing on the set?

"Well, there are so many cool inventions—there's a shrink ray, a time machine, oh, and a brain swapper, wow! One day, I was doing schoolwork with my teacher and an alien walked in the door, said, 'Excuse me,' and walked out!"

—Liz Smith

Thomas Dekker:
Shrunk down to
D.A. size! Above,
Thomas with his
TV family.



Special Music Section

Gavin Rossdale
(Bush)

Will Smith

Spice Girls

You're standing by the backstage door of a concert arena with tons of screaming fans. Inside, your favorite band jams away. Two big bodyguards with mean faces



Hanson



Bryan White

and dark sunglasses tell you there's no way you're getting through the door. Bummer? Not to worry. Our blowout music section knocks down that barrier and gives you everything from an interview with

Hanson to a list of hot bands to listen for in 1998. We'll also take a revealing peek behind the scenes of concerts and video shoots. Ready to tune in? Then turn the page.



Beck

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Boppin' With The BOYS

By Suzanne McElfresh



What's it like to play in a superfamous band, tour the world and sell zillions of CDs before you've graduated from high school? We talked to Hanson to find out!

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When you're hanging out in your room and jamming on your air guitar, you can't help but wonder what it's like to be a big rock star. Well, here are three guys—

Isaac, 17, Taylor, 14, and Zac, 12, otherwise known as Hanson—who are living that dream.

Their album *Middle of Nowhere* has brought them three big hits: "I Will Come to You," "Where's the Love" and, of course, "MMMBop." The band released a holiday album, *Snowed In*, last fall and are going on a worldwide tour this spring or summer.

Calling by cell phone from Sweden on their way from the airport to the hotel, Hanson talked about their first love—singing—their travels around the world to meet their fans, and, yes, homework.

What's the best thing about being famous?

Isaac: "It's really amazing that, no matter what language they speak, people in so many different countries enjoy our songs."

And they know the words, even though they're in English.

Isaac: "Exactly. When we performed in Indonesia, we stopped and let the audience sing, and they knew the lyrics word for word. That's amazing! There were 16,000 people at one of our Canadian appearances, and the audience noise reached 140 decibels. [About as loud as a jet engine at takeoff!] It was so loud that it was actually painful."

What are some of your hobbies?

Zac: "We like to play around with digital video cameras and go on



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the Net. Laser tag and paint ball are really great, too."

What sports do you play in your free time?

Taylor: "We like to play basketball and football, but soccer is a favorite because that's the only one we're halfway good at. And we love to Rollerblade."

What's your favorite song right now—either yours or someone else's?

Zac: "'Pink' by Aerosmith is really good. [Joking] Also, there's this song called 'I Will Come to You' by this group called Hanson. We like that one a lot."



Taylor: "I like 'Tubthumping' by Chumbawamba. But really, we're so busy that we get a little out of touch. Then we go home and our friends say, 'Hey, have you heard this song?'"

What's the last CD you listened to?

Taylor: "Pet Sounds by the Beach Boys. There're a lot of great harmonies on that record."

What's the last dream you remember having?

Zac: "I don't usually have dreams. I'm too busy sleeping to dream."

Taylor: "Yeah, me too. The schedule we're keeping is pretty hectic, so when you sleep, you sleep hard—you're out. Besides, we probably wouldn't reveal our dreams anyway."

How do you keep up with school while you're so busy?

Zac: "We home school, so we carry our textbooks with us and have school wherever we are. Also, you can learn about whatever place you're in—if you're in Italy, you can learn about Italy."

Do you have any special rules on the road—like a certain time you have to go to bed?

Zac: "No. But if you stay up late and then the next day you're tired and don't feel so great, well, then, that's your fault!"

What chores do you get to avoid, now that you're so busy traveling everywhere?

Taylor: "When you're in a big family like ours—there are six kids—there's always plenty to do. So we just do whatever our parents tell us to. 'Go do the dishes.' 'Oh, OK.'"

What did you buy with your first paycheck?

Zac: "Um, groceries? People think that we got all this money and went out and bought Porsches and Lamborghinis and big mixing boards. We wanted to! But we didn't."



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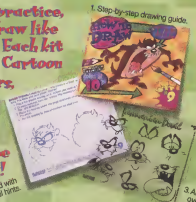
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Who's Next the Hanson?

By Bob Cannon

Once in a while, a new band takes the music world by storm. Hanson really did come from the *Middle of Nowhere*. But who's next? We asked experts in the music biz to give us the buzz.

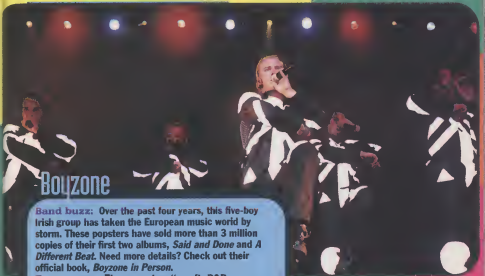


Band buzz: Critics may call All Saints a knockoff Spice group, but these girls write their own music and lyrics and play a big role in the production process. Their songs combine R&B, pop, soul and rap sounds. Their first single, "I Know Where It's At," topped British charts in September and was the most played song on the radio in Holland and Norway. **Experts say:** "If you like the Spice Girls, you'll like them." **How to hear them:** You can catch "I Know Where It's At" on the radio now; their self-titled album comes out in March.



Four Left Words

Band buzz: This group of five young guys from Minneapolis will keep the pop trend hot. Not only do they sing, they also play their own instruments! **Experts say:** Listening to these guys won't get you down. "The music is happy—and that's the key to the whole thing." **How to hear them:** Their first album (no title yet) comes out this summer.



Boyzone

Band buzz: Over the past four years, this five-boy Irish group has taken the European music world by storm. These popsters have sold more than 3 million copies of their first two albums, *Said and Done* and *A Different Beat*. Need more details? Check out their official book, *Boyzone in Person*.

Experts say: The group has "a soft, R&B pop sound" and "seems to be popular with girls." How can you go wrong?

How to hear them: You can find the single, "Picture of You," on the *Bean* sound track; *Said and Done* will be re-released as the group's first U.S. album in June.

'N Sync

Band buzz: Five years ago, these singing, dancing American boys became overnight sensations in Germany with their debut album. Top pop producers teamed with the group, including a dancemeister who has worked with Ace of Base and Robyn.

Experts say: "I was blown away by their performing skills," says the scout who signed the group. He predicts this act will be around for a long time because "you can really connect with the songs."

How to hear them: Check out their single, "I Want You Back," on the radio now; their self-titled album arrives in April.



Code Red

Band buzz: This four-guy pop group is red-hot right now in England and Asia. With their songwriting skills and smooth harmonies, it's no surprise that their latest single, "This Is Our Song," has hit No. 1 in many countries.

Experts say: They're sorta like a British version of Boyzone, but "with more of an R&B edge."

How to hear them: Their debut album, *Scarlet*, will be available in the U.S. in April.

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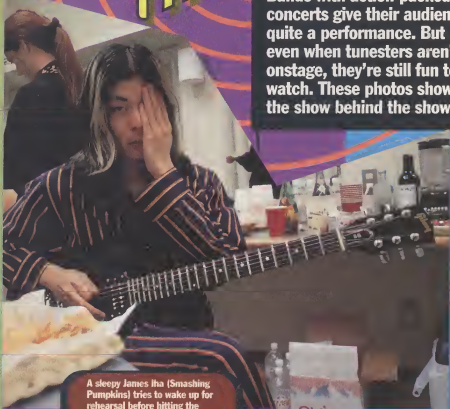


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Behind the curtain



Bands with action-packed concerts give their audience quite a performance. But even when tunesters aren't onstage, they're still fun to watch. These photos show the show behind the show.

A sleepy James Iha (Smashing Pumpkins) tries to wake up for rehearsal before hitting the stage in Chicago.

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Blackstreet members practice their slick moves one last time before performing at New York City's Radio City Music Hall. (Front to back, that's Chauncey Hannibal, Teddy Riley, Eric Williams—and Mark Middleton in the mirror.) The night before, Teddy held an all-night practice from 10 p.m. until 6 in the morning!



Touring can be fun, as members of No Doubt prove. (From top to bottom, that's Gwen Stefani, Tony Kanal, Tom Dumont and Adrian Young.)



Who would have guessed that Beck would put up with such a mess? His moves onstage are sooooo smooth. That same night, Beck threw a birthday party for his bass player, Justin, and invited the Cardigans to help celebrate.

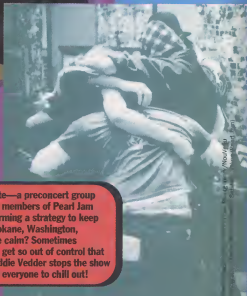




Bush's lead singer, Gavin Rossdale (left), and bassist Dave Parsons goof off during the two-hour bus ride from Amsterdam to Brussels on their *Sixteen Stone* tour.



Country sensation Bryan White gets up close and personal with his fans while signing autographs onstage after a show.



Aww, cute—a preconcert group hug. Are members of Pearl Jam brainstorming a strategy to keep their Spokane, Washington, audience calm? Sometimes moshers get so out of control that singer Eddie Vedder stops the show and tells everyone to chill out!

Concert Comforts

Artists are known for making some pretty odd demands while on tour. Bryan White insists that pizzas be delivered to roadies and crew members after each show. And Van Halen required bowls of M&Ms—with the brown candies removed. Concert promoters told us some of the strange requests they've gotten from hot artists and groups.



Darius Rucker
(Hootie & The
Blowfish)



Paul McCartney



Hank Williams Jr.



Blur

Blur. In addition to all sorts of cheeses, breads and biscuits, the British band requires 12 cans of Red Bull energy drink, four

pairs of high-quality black socks and a vase of fresh flowers.

Trisha Yearwood. This country girl asks that an electric frying pan be provided for her road crew so they can fry their own eggs!

Hootie & The Blowfish. These

athletic guys ask for basketball hoops in their dressing rooms and directions to the nearest soccer field.

Everclear. This hard rock band insists on a large box of Nutri-Grain cereal and a large bag of Tostitos tortilla chips.

Paul McCartney. In 1993, the animal rights activist and

vegetarian demanded all meat items be removed from arena concession stands.

Hank Williams Jr. He's no road warrior: the country star requires a helicopter on site if his hotel is more than 30 minutes away from the performance location. Hank also requires a bag of Hershey bars for his band.

—Lisa Zitto



Trisha Yearwood



Everclear

Everclear: Longhurst (Hootie); GC: Kuhl (Hank Williams, Jr.); Glenn Estrada (Everclear); ©Steve Grantz (Trisha Yearwood); ©Youn Lenquette (Blur); ©Al Acton (Paul McCartney); all photographs from Retna

Video Reality

By Lisa Zito

Music videos look like mini-movies, but the best stories usually come from behind the scenes. So D.A. asked the directors of some of our favorite videos for the special inside scoop.

Smashing Pumpkins

VIDEO: "Tonight, Tonight"

LOCATION: A soundstage in Valencia, California

OUCH FACTOR: Very late nights. The crew got so tired that when a director blasted his megaphone near a cinematographer's ear, the poor guy didn't even flinch!

SPECIAL EFFECT: To achieve the video's old-fashioned look, an authentic silent movie era hand-cranked camera was used.

INSIDER INFO: Little trampolines were hidden throughout the moon for the jumping, flipping spacemen.

FASHION STATEMENT: The movie *Titanic* was being filmed in town at the same time, so practically every piece of turn-of-the-century costuming in the area had been snapped up.



LeAnn Rimes

VIDEO: "How Do I Live"

LOCATION: On top of the Nashville Arena in downtown Nashville

OUCH FACTOR: Because the video takes place at night, filming didn't begin until 9 p.m. and continued until 6 the next morning. LeAnn napped during lighting changes and drank coffee to stay awake.

SPECIAL EFFECT: A crane

carried LeAnn to the arena's roof, where she stood on a 60-foot-high platform for parts of the shoot.

INSIDER INFO: Director Chris Rodgers had less than 24 hours—to develop a concept, pull together a production team, find a location and prepare for the shoot.

FASHION STATEMENT: LeAnn wore her own clothes.



VIDEO:

"Wannabe"

LOCATION: An abandoned hotel in Central London

OUCH FACTOR: The video was shot in January, in a building without central heating, and filming didn't begin until 10 p.m. And the girls' wardrobe didn't include jackets!

SPECIAL EFFECT:

Instead of shooting different scenes and piecing them together in the editing room, this video was shot as one long scene ("one take" in video-speak). So everyone and everything had to be perfect from start to finish—including Melanie C.'s backflip on a banquet table!

INSIDER INFO: Geri Halliwell's sequined outfit came from a thrift store and cost about \$15.

FASHION STATEMENT: The 5-foot, 2-inch-tall Geri wore six-inch heels.



Will Smith

VIDEO: "Men in Black"

LOCATION: A Los Angeles warehouse

OUCH FACTOR: None. Will and company took their time getting each take right. Filming lasted four days—practically a vacation, since most music videos are shot in one hectic day.

SPECIAL EFFECT: Most of the alien artifacts were created just for this video by the special effects company Industrial Light & Magic—which also worked on the movie.

INSIDER INFO: In the video, Will dances with an alien named Mikey, who was added later by computer. Camera

operators asked a technician to dance in the alien's spot to check shot angles. Let's just say he didn't come close to the smooth grooves of the Fresh Prince, making for lots 'o laughs on the set.

FASHION STATEMENT: How many pairs of Ray-Ban sunglasses can you spot? (We counted 36.)



Get up and boogie with J. Evan Bonifant as he shows off some moves from the new movie, *Blues Brothers 2000*, the sequel to *The Blues Brothers*.

By Liz Smith

Dancin'

J. Evan Bonifant has the blues in a big way. But he's far from sad. Evan's got the beat and dancing feet in *Blues Brothers 2000*. As Buster, Evan plays a troubled orphan whom Elwood Blues (Dan Aykroyd) decides to help while trying to get his old blues band together. Through their adventures, they hook up with fellow blues guy Mighty Mack McTeer (John Goodman) and have a rockin' good time.

We were amped when Evan, 12, granted us a private dance session. While Aretha Franklin's "Respect" blasted, we watched Evan busta move!

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No better blues: John Goodman, Dan Aykroyd, Joe Morton and J. Evan Bonifant croon a blue tune.



Machine

"Evan's the only dancer among us! He's incredible," says John Goodman. Starting from the far left, follow Evan as he moves to the groove (across pages 38-41) showing off just one of the *Blues Brothers 2000* dances.

Do you like the blues?

"Yeah, I like them. I don't listen to them a lot, but I like them more in the morning—at about 6 a.m. That's my favorite time of the day, too, everything's quiet. One time I made my mom mad because I turned on Guns n' Roses at 6 in the morning."

Who do you like to listen to at 6 in the evening?

"In the summertime, Alanis Morissette. And when I'm feeling really sappy, I listen to Patsy Cline."

Do you like to dance?

"It's a lot of fun. I don't know why, but it gives me a rush."

Did you dance before you got this part in the movie?

"I danced at home to the radio."

Was it hard to learn the dances for this movie?

"Well, there are 14 musical numbers, and they were all very hard to learn but they were fun so it



"A Blues Brother must be loyal and trustworthy, have a vast appreciation of low-down music and weigh over 200 pounds," says John Goodman. Evan (below with Dan and John) has a few more pounds to go!

made it easy to remember them. We had a choreographer and we practiced [each musical number] for about an hour. When you see the movie, you'll probably be singing the songs for three months—they're upbeat, catchy tunes."

Would you ever dance a Blues Brothers number at your school dance?

"I've dreamed about that. In the dream, I freeze! I am up on stage and in front of all my classmates and I'm like, 'uh, uh.' It's easy for me to act in front of people, but when I dance [in real life], it's really weird—I freeze."

Who's the better dancer—Dan or John?

"Actually, both are the same. Dan likes to goof around sometimes and it's really funny because he has these little moves that are a bit unique."

Did anybody get hurt while dancing?

"No. I did fall off the car a couple of times when we danced on it. I caught



myself with one hand one time when I fell, and the next thing I knew, I was doing a handstand."

The movie features some great musical guests—did you get any souvenirs from them?

"Dan Aykroyd gave me a guitar and some harmonicas for my birthday. He signed the harmonicas, but he didn't sign the guitar. [A lot of legendary blues musicians play with the Blues Brothers in the movie] and I got the guitar signed by all the famous guitar players: Steve Winwood, Willie Weeks, B.B. King, Bo Diddley, Steve Cropper, Matt 'Guitar' Murphy, Donald 'Duck' Dunn, Jonny Lang, Eric Clapton, Dr. John and Travis Tritt."

Hiding from the Mafia, the Blues Brothers disguise themselves in a groovy getup.



Wow, that's a valuable guitar!

"Yeah, B.B. King and Bo Diddley told my mom, 'Don't let that boy touch that thing.' They're funny

guys. They told my mom, 'When we start dropping like flies, it's gonna go up in price.' I'm gonna get a guitar exactly like it because I can't play the one everyone signed."

What are you going to do with your signed guitar?

"It's gonna be in a glass case [in a secret spot] with mirrors in the back so you can see the signatures on the head of the guitar. And it'll spin."

Who would you want to tour with?

"Blues Traveler. No, I would want to go with the Blues Brothers if we toured. John Landis [the director] said he wants to paint a car that's as big as the Blues Brothers car and get everybody from the movie and drive around Chicago."

The Men in Black and Blues Brothers dress almost identically. How can you tell them apart?

"The Men in Black would have a noisy cricket on them, and the Blues Brothers would just have a harmonica!" ■



Are You a Rocker, Rapper or Country Crooner?

What kind of tuneser are you? For each question, choose the statement that sounds most like you. Then add up the points to discover your true music destiny.

1. When it comes to hats, you usually wear a

- a. Baseball cap—preferably backward. (2)
- b. Cowboy hat, which you often tip with your finger just to be cool. (3)
- c. Hat? What hat? You need to show off your wild hairdo. (1)

2. You like your jeans

- a. Tight and topped with a giant belt buckle. (3)
- b. Loose and hip-hugging. (1)
- c. Way baggy and hanging super low. (2)

3. Your instrument of choice is

- a. An electric guitar with a huge amplifier turned up jet-engine loud. (1)
- b. An acoustic guitar. (3)
- c. Who needs instruments? Just gimme the mike and stand back! (2)





R.J. Shay

4. When you dance, which part of your body moves most?

- a. Your hips. (2)
- b. Your feet. (3)
- c. Your head. (1)

5. Your fantasy stage name is

- a. Scoop Doggy Doo (2)
- b. Tracy Ty Wrangler (3)
- c. Skank (1)

6. Your favorite love song sounds something like:

- a. "Step off, stand back—all the ladies love the mack." (2)
- b. "Baby, I'm hungry for love, yes it's true. So don't give me a Big Mac when all I want is you." (1)
- c. "Checked my heart and sure enough, I've been run over by the Mack truck of love." (3)

7. Your favorite expression is

- a. Cool! (1)
- b. That be bangin'! (2)
- c. Yee-haw! (3)

Musical Score

7-11 points: Crank up the volume 'cuz you were born to rock.

12-16 points: No doubt about it, you're a rap master in the making.

17-21 points: Buff those cowboy boots—you're a total twanger.



Ocius P. Potter, bad guy extraordinaire!

John Goodman acts like a big meanie to a bunch of little people in *The Borrowers*.

By Kim Lockhart

JOHNNY BE BAD

NEXT time you lose a tiny object, like a button or a paper clip, don't worry—it's just being "borrowed."

That happens all the time in *The Borrowers*, a new movie starring John Goodman ("Roseanne") as Ocius P. Potter, a wickedly mean lawyer. Potter tries to demolish a nice family's house. Little does he know the house is also home to a family of Borrowers—four-inch-tall people who live under the floors. They borrow items from humans (whom they call "beans") to make clothes, furniture and superfast cars. And they follow a strict code: Borrowers must never be seen, and Borrowers must never borrow more than they need.

But when the Borrowers discover Potter's



scheme, they spring into action—and into view—to save their home. John told us about playing the big bad guy in this film based on the book series by Mary Norton.

How would you describe Ociuous P. Potter?

"Very large and scary...with a fake mustache! He's a common ordinary greedball who has a little and wants a lot more. So he takes from good people."

What was it like playing the bad guy?

"Bad guys are the most fun to play. It was great seeing just how rotten he could be and how much he could get away with."

Ociuous gets kinda tortured in this movie.

How did it feel to be bug-sprayed, electrocuted, covered in cheese and tied up?

"He deserves to be



Peagreen lands on a hot spot.

tortured! But it was all fake and fun—the worse it looks, the more fun it was."

How did you film scenes with the Borrowers?

"We had little Borrowers dolls. Some were

motorized, so that the arms or head would move. Sometimes the crew placed things where I should look. Other than that, the Borrowers' world is created with computer magic and the audience's imagination, which is the strongest special effect of all."

Did you believe in little people, like the Borrowers, when you were a kid?

"Oh, sure! And I've got them in my house now. I now know that when things disappear, it's not just me getting older and more forgetful."

What have they borrowed?

"My watch and some loose change. I wish they'd borrow some dirty laundry."

To check out some items the Borrowers "borrow" from their human housemates, turn the page.



Potter catches a Borrower.



The tiny Clock family (left to right): Pod, Homily, Arrietty and Peagreen



Say cheese! Potter traps the Borrowers in a cheese factory.

BORROWERS BRAIN SPRAIN

Think it's hard putting together cool outfits and decorating your room? Imagine how hard it would be if you were four inches tall! Luckily, the tiny characters in *The Borrowers* are super resourceful. Below are some of the items they've borrowed from nearby "beans" (also known as humans). Take a look at the movie scenes on the right, find the items and then guess what the Borrowers use them for:

1 A red LEGO



2 A rubber finger pad



3 A toaster



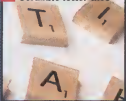
4 Dominoes



5 A spool of thread



6 Scrabble letter tiles



7 Walnut shells



8 A roller skate



9 A metal thimble





A



B



C



D



E

- Answer Key:**
- 1 Shoes (Photo A)
 - 2 A catapult (Photo B)
 - 3 Steps (Photo C)
 - 4 A chair (Photo C)
 - 5 Wall decorations (Photo C)
 - 6 Helmets (Photo D)
 - 7 A rocket car (Photo D)
 - 8 A bucket (Photo E)



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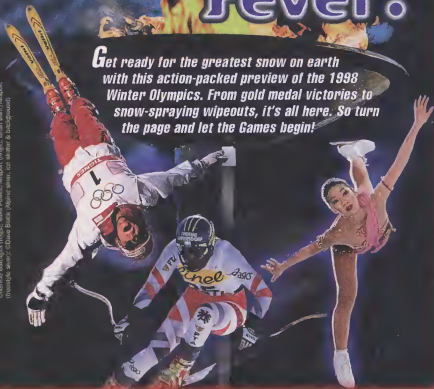
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Olympic Fever!

Get ready for the greatest snow on earth
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the page and let the Games begin!

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Gold Rush!

Take 3,000 athletes from 83 countries, put 'em on skis, skates or snowboards, and what have you got? The 1998 Winter Olympics, which will be held February 7-22 in Nagano, Japan. Get ready for all the action with this sport-by-sport rundown.



Watch out for that bobsled!

Biathlon: This sport somehow combines cross-country skiing with rifle marksmanship. Unfortunately, little of this event makes it to TV.

Bobsled: This superfast sledding on a curved track has not been a fun run for the Americans. The United States hasn't won a medal in this sport since 1956.

Curling: This bizarre sport seems like something you'd make up on your own and play in the driveway. After all, it features ice, stones and, believe it or not, brooms (for details on how it is played, see page 54).



Hockey heats up the ice.

Figure Skating: Skaters (men, women and pairs) perform routines set to music and judges award them points. Didja know that competitors actually skate on water? As their blades cut through the ice, it momentarily melts, then immediately refreezes once the blade passes. Cool, huh?

Ice Dancing: A new Olympic sport introduced in 1976, it features pairs of skaters twirling like ballroom dancers on ice.

Men's Ice Hockey: For the first time in Olympic competition, stars from the National Hockey League get to play. But forget hopes for an American Dream Team, as the pros are spread out among six different national teams.

Women's Ice Hockey: For the first time ever, women get to play, too.

Luge: This event features daredevils who tear down a track while lying back on tiny sleds. They're so fast that luge is the only Olympic sport that's timed to the thousandth of a second.



A luger looks pretty in pink.

Skiing, Freestyle: Competitors perform hot-dog stunts and jumps on snow bumps. Skiers even give their moves names such as the Thumper and Post Toastie spin.



Ski racers face a steep start!

Skiing, Nordic Combined:

Introduced at the first Olympic Games in 1924, this event combines ski jumping and cross-country skiing. Athletes compete as individuals or on four-person teams.



Skiing, Alpine!

Downhill skiers race down a course at speeds of 60 to 80 miles per hour. Wipeouts do happen!



It's all downhill for Alpine skiers.

Ski Jumping: Competitors glide down a steep ramp and into the air with hopes of soaring farther than anyone else. Watch out for those landings!

Snowboarding: The cool extreme sport, in which competitors perform stunts in front of judges, joins the Olympic family for the first time.

Speed Skating: The name says it all, as skaters zip around the track at speeds reaching 40 miles per hour. Keep an eye out for 15-year-old Apolo Ohno, the youngest-ever U.S. champ.

Speed skaters zip around the track.




What in the World Is Curling?

It's the weirdest sport in the Winter Olympics! The game, invented in Scotland about 400 years ago, involves two teams getting points for sliding heavy, round granite "stones" down a sheet of ice and onto a circular target. The name of the game comes from the fact that the stones curl and curve as they slide along the slippery surface. Often two players run along and sweep the ice—just ahead of the gliding stones—with brooms. Their sweeping enables a stone to travel farther and, they hope, make it to the target.



Curlers do their thing.

Oliver Brunold (Austria), Mike Hewitt (Austria), Nanette Battaglia (Clockwise from top right)



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A Mission to McTwist

By Howard Tomb

Freestyle snowboard champ Todd Richards has a supersecret trick to unleash at the Winter Games, where he's a favorite in the newest Olympic sport.

What's the most outrageous thing you've done on a snowboard?

"Probably hooking my [snowboard] nose on a stump and flying off a 30-foot cliff without getting hurt. I landed on my back in a whole bunch of snow. I was really lucky; I landed and I just sat there for a minute. I seriously could not believe that I was still in one piece."

Which countries have the best snowboarders?

"The Scandinavians are very strong, especially the Norwegians. About three of us Americans have a chance to win a medal."

Let's say you won the gold medal in the Olympics. If you could request any song besides the national anthem, what would it be?

"The theme from *Star Wars*. You know, the end part, where Luke, Han and Chewbacca are gettin' their medals."

What's your best move on the halfpipe?

"An Inverted 900 McTwist. It's kind of like doing a front flip with a half twist. If you can picture running and doing a front flip, but turning your body sideways at the same time, that's it. The 900 McTwist has one more full rotation than the basic McTwist. It's kind of like my little secret weapon."

What do you think the ancient Greek Olympians would have thought of an Inverted 900 McTwist?

"They definitely would have wanted something under their togas when they went upside down—maybe a fig leaf!"



Todd Richards



Hey, Nice Stinky Lip Trick!

Snowboarding uses a lot of skateboarding lingo, but it also has plenty of its own special slang.

Backside: The side of the board closest to the rider.

Bone: To straighten one or both legs to the maximum. Very stylish.

Fakie: Riding backward.

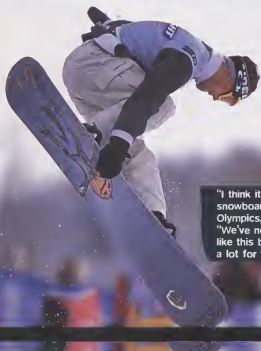
Halfpipe: A big curved ramp of snow used for freestyle riding.

Huck: To fly wildly and crash.

Invert: Get upside down and airborne—on purpose.

Lip Trick: Any trick done at the top sharp edge of the halfpipe wall.

Stinky: Knees apart.



"I think it's pretty cool that snowboarding has made it to the Olympics," says Todd, who is 28. "We've never had media attention like this before—it's going to do a lot for the sport."

Great Skates

Here are two good reasons why there's little doubt the U.S. will grab a gold medal in women's figure skating.

Michelle Kwan

This 17-year-old's motto of "Work hard, be yourself, have fun" helped her win a gold medal at the world championships in 1996. Before heading to Nagano, Michelle rang us up to talk about the Olympics.

What will you do with an Olympic medal if you win one?

"Oh, I'll probably sleep with it forever. I can't imagine taking it off!"

What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you on skates?

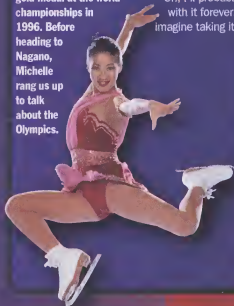
"When I was 8 or 9 years old, my name was announced at a competition, and as I glided out to my pose, I fell. There was no music and everyone was clapping, and I just fell down! I got up, wiped myself off and skated, but I looked really mad."

You've warned people to never borrow a figure skater's gloves. Why?

"Because there's snot all over them! You know, it's cold out there on the ice, and you can't carry a tissue, so you wipe your nose with your gloves."

—Sean Plotner

©Steve Black (left)



Read All About It

Take a look at the latest in books on figure skating.

Bortano's *Edging Inside the Real World of Figure Skating*, by Brian Bortano with Suzanne Harper. The Olympic gold medalist and former world champion gives

readers behind-the-scenes secrets of the figure-skating world. (And in case you didn't notice, this book was co-authored by D.A.'s editor-in-chief!)



Tara Lipinski

It seems as if figure skating's youngest world champion ever has always been on skates. Her journey began on wheels as a 3-year-old roller skater. At 6, she hit the ice. And now, at 15, she's hoping to fulfill her Olympic dream.

Are you psyched for the Olympics?

"Yeah! Ever since I started skating it's been my goal to go and represent my country. I get nervous about it, too, but I just want to go and have fun."

How do you deal with nervousness?

"Once I start skating, it goes away."

What's the biggest difference between ice skating and roller skating?

"Roller skating is a little harder because the skates are so heavy. The biggest jump I could do was a double Axel. But I love them both."

What is your training schedule like?

"I do four hours on the ice. My coach and I practice my program and my jumps. And I have a ballet teacher on the ice with me for an hour. Off the ice, I do stretches and stomach exercises. Then I do four hours of school with three tutors."

What do you want to do after the Olympics?

"Keep skating! I want to compete in the 2002 Olympic Games, too!"

—Kim Lockhart

Heart of a Champion by Michelle Kwan

Michelle describes her life on and off the ice. Each right-hand page also features a tiny image of Michelle in

the lower corner; flip through the book real fast and you'll see her executing her perfect jumps!

Secrets of Skating by Oksana Baiul

The 1994 Olympic champ reveals how skaters train and create routines.

Tara Lipinski: Triumph on Ice by Tara Lipinski

The reigning U.S. champ tells her story. "It's kind of cool," Tara says. "I never thought I'd have my own book right now."



Jumpin' Jargon

Axel: This difficult jump is easy to spot, because it's the only one in which a skater leaps facing forward. The skater revolves at least one-and-a-half times in the air before landing.

Triple Loop-Triple Loop-Combination

Tara is the first female skater to have landed this tricky jump in competition. To do a single loop, a skater takes off facing backward and revolves once in the air. In Tara's triple combo, she performs two loops consecutively, revolving three times in the air each jump.

Puck Patrol

Talk about cool! For the first time ever, NHL teammates—like Philadelphia Flyers John LeClair and Eric Lindros—will face off at the 1998 Winter Olympics. Then the guys will step aside as the women—led by Team U.S.A. stars Cammi Granato and Erin Whitten—make their Olympic hockey debut.



By Kim Lockhart

John LeClair



LeClair likes the pressure.

and his leadership are things that Team Canada will value very much. And it's something that could pose a problem for us."

"That's a tough choice. The Stanley Cup is special. But the Olympics has its own prestige."

U.S.A.

Left Wing

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"Any time you can represent your country, that's an honor and a privilege. Plus, with the pool of talent that's invited to the Olympics, it will be a real test."

"Eric is just a great all-around player. His strength, his ability to play the game—these things that Team Canada will value very much. And it's something that could pose a problem for us."

Eric Lindros



Lindros will lead Canada.

"Canada didn't do so well in the World Cup, so we look forward to a chance to redeem ourselves. When all is said and done, you're playing for your country."

"His strength is a deep-down ability to get his stick on the puck and to keep hammering away at the net. John is so strong that he gets many opportunities and gets the puck into the net."

"Both are extremely important. So geez, why not win them both?"

Canada

Center

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Olympic Pride

Scouting Report on His Flyer Teammate

Olympic Gold or the Stanley Cup?

Cammi Granato

Forward

26

Downer's Grove, Illinois

Cammi wears an old wristband of Wayne Gretzky's and touches her beanbag frog "Floppy" before every game.

"I was the only girl on my team until college. It times it was hard, but it made me a better player. I couldn't be average. I had to be the best to get to play."



Granato skates great

"I never dreamed I would play in the Olympics. When I was young, I thought I'd play for the Chicago Blackhawks. I didn't understand I couldn't play in the NHL. Then I saw [my brother] Tony play in the '88 Olympics and decided that's what I wanted."

Erin Whitten

Goalkeeper

26

Glens Falls, New York

A coin engraved with the words "Expect to Win" was given to her by a former coach.

"I had a rough tryout my first time. I was the only girl and I was in tears. My skates were two sizes too small and I couldn't move my feet. But I said, 'I want a bigger pair of skates,' and I went out there again."

"I think every athlete dreams of the Olympics. Our goal now is to beat Canada—they've taken five gold medals four years in a row at the World Championships. We've always finished second, so we have plans to defeat them."



Whitten expects to win

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World Party



pressure against the racer can be seven times the force of gravity, or twice what an astronaut feels during a shuttle launch.

Plenty of the international athletes heading to Nagano excel in their events. But these competitors are absolutely wacky!

By Jeff Bartlett

Canada

Elvis Stojko, Figure Skater

Named after you-know-who, Elvis has hobbies that include rock music and karate. He earned a black belt at 16 and uses some karate-type moves in his skating routines. Elvis is also king of the quads, or quadruple jumps, which require four turns in the air. In 1997, he



Elvis Stojko

was the first skater to complete a quadruple jump, immediately followed by a triple jump, in competition!

Germany

Georg Hackl, Luge Racer

Georg loves the thrill of jetting down the icy luge track at 90 miles per hour. At turn four, the



Georg Hackl

Holland

Falko Zandstra, Speed Skater

Falko ranks as one of the best speed skaters in the world. He's also a little picky: During a crucial European championship in 1993, he went home across the street to use the bathroom because it was more "comfortable" there than toilets at the track. After he finished, Falko turned on the TV and saw that his next race was coming up, so he headed back to the track and finished in second place!

Italy

Alberto Tomba, Alpine Skier

Considered one of the best technical skiers in the world, Alberto is known as the "prince of Italian skiing" back home. But even though he's in his 30s, this prince still lives with mom and dad—and he listens to them, too. Alberto doesn't compete in most Alpine speed events because his parents think they're too dangerous.



Alberto Tomba

Photo: Bridgette Smith & bottom left: Mircea Zvon (bottom right)

WEIRD YET TRUE

Leech Us Alone!

Did you know that some doctors use **leeches** (bloodsucking worms) to heal people? Learn more at the new Medical **Leech** Museum in **Charleston, South Carolina**. Also on display: the **giant** 18-inch **Amazon leech**.



Fastest Funny Man

Australian comedian **Adam Hills** told **475** jokes in one hour—a new **world record**. Now that's a guy who throws a **quick** punch line.

In Singapore,

Planet of the Abes

Need an **Honest Abe** impersonator? Try the Association of Lincoln Presenters, a group of **200** Abe Lincoln **look-alikes**. Sporting **beards, stovepipe hats** and **black coattails**, the members visit **schools** and hold an **annual** convention to honor America's 16th **president**. Honest!



Ward Sutton

—Column by Sheila De La Rosa

you can be fined for

not flushing the toilet!

COOL STUFF

Your gotta-have-it guide

Gold Medal Gear

While athletes from around the world compete for Olympic gold, collectors face the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat as they search for cool Olympic gear. The most popular Olympic collectible? **Olympic lapel pins.** For '98, they come shaped like skates, snowflakes and even a Zamboni machine. People all over the world collect and swap them with a frenzy. If you can't make it to Nagano to buy a 1998 pin, you can also get them at official Olympic stores in Colorado Springs (home of the U.S. Olympic Committee) and Salt Lake City, Utah, site of the Winter Games in 2002.



Figure Rating

These dolls can compete with the best: **special Olympic editions of Barbie and Ken**

sporting skating outfits. Barbie's motto? It's not whether you win or lose, it's how cool you look.



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Invasion of the Alien Dissection Games

Aliens have landed on toy shelves with not one but two games that let you check out what's inside those little spacemen.

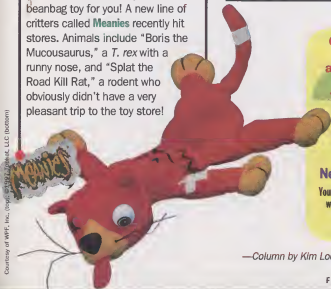


Alien Anatomy: Using forceps, reach inside the alien and pull out wacky fake parts like gloves and tires or gross real parts like eyeballs and guts.

Alien Autopsy: Using an electric probe, remove body parts without touching the edges of the alien's body and waking it up. If it screams, you go back to "Start."

A Beanie Alternative

If you can't stand those too cute Beanie Babies, we've got the beanbag toy for you! A new line of critters called **Meanies** recently hit stores. Animals include "Boris the Mucousaurus," a *T. rex* with a runny nose, and "Splat the Road Kill Rat," a rodent who obviously didn't have a very pleasant trip to the toy store!



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—Column by Kim Lockhart and Howard Tomb

Wired for Sound

These totally tuneful video games and enhanced CDs will rock your world.

Parappa the Rapper (PlayStation)

We definitely groove to this 3-D rhythm action game with its mix of humor, wacky characters and cool music. Picture "Simon Says"-style gameplay. The goal is to follow the master rapper's moves and commands by pressing the right buttons in a rhythmic pattern. The too cool Parappa has many adventures trying to impress his true love. Even newbie gamers will get hooked fast.

Tip: When you first enter a stage, the best score you can get is "good." But the next time you try this stage, the "cool" rating will

Must-See Music

With enhanced CDs, it's easy to have your tunes and watch 'em, too. In your stereo, the ECD plays like a regular CD. But pop one into your computer CD-ROM drive, and you can also see videos, photos and behind-the-scenes interviews with your favorite bands. (Just look for the "enhanced CD" or "CD Plus" label in the record store.) We picked out two of the best for a whole new "listening" experience.

Save Ferris

(It Means Everything)

This southern California band blends ska, pop and swing in a can't-stop-movin' beat. Rock with "Come on Eileen." Sing along with "Spam." Watch live concert footage and get to know each of the band's seven members.

Backstreet Boys

(Backstreet Boys)

"We've Got It Goin' On"—on our CD player and computer. And we don't want to stop! Catch the boys in concert and in interviews.



blink every so often. If you can create your own cool, funky rhythm, the "Cool" sign will stay on. (Just remember some of the combos you learned and replay them as fast as you can.) Then the master will leave you alone to freestyle rap and rake in the points.

SimTunes (Windows)

Create amazing "musical pictures"—then play them. Even if you're tone deaf and can't draw stick figures, this game from the makers of *SimCity* is soooooo easy. You draw with colored dots that double as musical notes. Then sit back and watch as four animated Bugz bounce across the screen, making music every time they pass over a different colored dot or line.

Tip: Bugz love cages. Just paint a square, grab Bugz with the Tweezers and drop 'em in! This trick comes in handy when you're trying to paint a picture and those noisy Bugz keep bugging you.

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These rockers were jamming so hard, one of them got his hair tangled! Guess which one got snagged, then follow the maze to see if you're right.

Start



Gridiron Search

It's mayhem on the football field, but can you figure out where the grid squares on the right should go? We filled one in to get you started.



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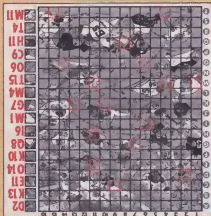
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Mark Martin

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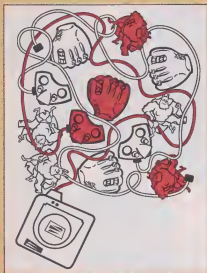
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UNTANGLE THE BAND'S HAIR



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1. Pieces of bubble gum
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3. Top of lip balm
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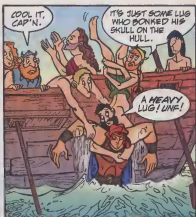
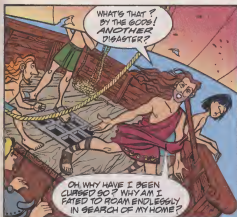
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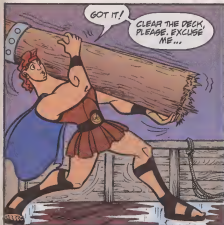
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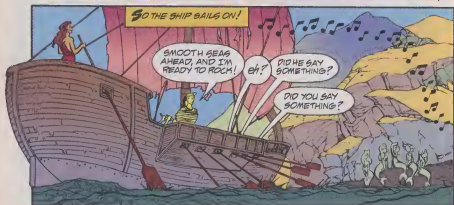
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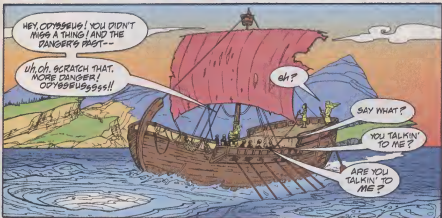
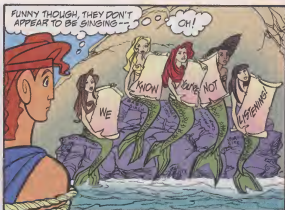
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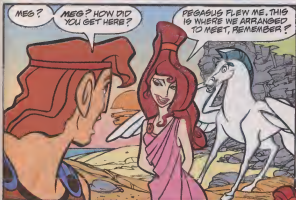
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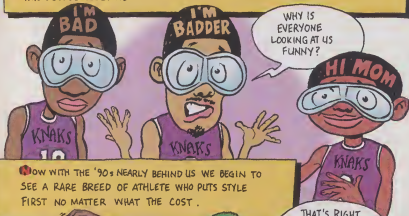
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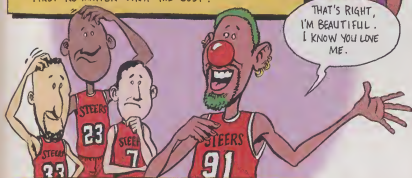
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BONE

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

BY JEFF SMITH

THE LAST TIME WE SAW FONE BONE AND THORN...

THE RAT CREATURES SURROUNDED THE FARMHOUSE! THORN AND FONE BONE FLED FROM GRANDMA BEN'S HOUSE INTO THE DARK FOREST ONLY TO CONFRONT RAT CREATURES AT EVERY TURN... COULD THIS BE THE END OF OUR HEROES?

BUT BEFORE WE GO BACK TO OUR HELPLESS FRIENDS, THE MISCHIEVOUS COUSIN PHONCIBLE P. BONE IS ON HIS WAY TO TOWN TO MAKE HIS FORTUNE...

TH' FIRST THING I GOTTA DO, IS HIT TH' LOCAL TAVERN, AN' FIND OUT WHO'S IN TOWN TO BET ON TH' RACE...

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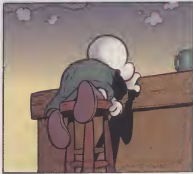
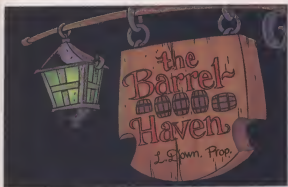
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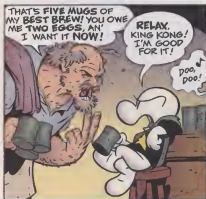
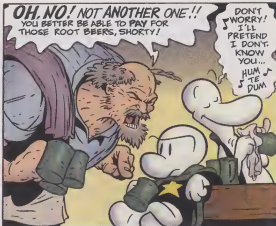
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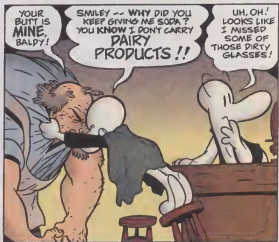
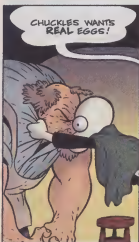
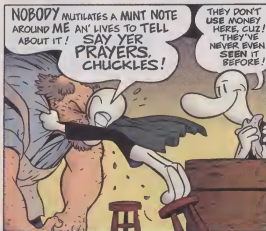
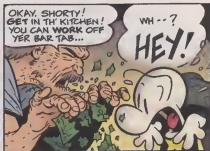


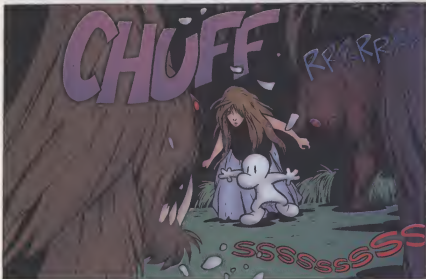


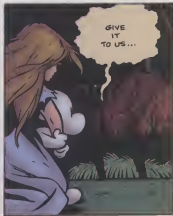
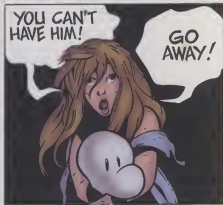
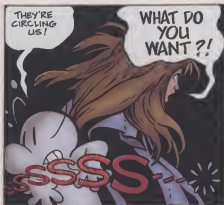












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